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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant submits the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56.

Information or art known to the Applicant and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes twelve (12) United States patents (copies attached). Applicants have employed PTO Form 1449 for the purpose of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

No representation is made that a search has been made, that the information is pertinent to the claimed subject matter, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicant does not admit that any of the information he has provided is necessarily prior to his invention but rather that it is information of which he is aware and which he believes possibly should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure.

It is submitted that none of the art provided herein achieves the objects and advantages of the present invention. Applicant believes that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinguishable over the art submitted herewith.

The consideration of these documents in conjunction with the Examiner's search and prosecution is requested as contemplated by the rules hereinabove referenced.

Respectfully submitted,

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